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budget for the next year includes a provision of Rs 1,12,371 for the purpose of increasing the staff of Inspectors, Petty Officers and Peons in the Excise Department and for the pay of the Reserve Police posted at the Frontier, sufficient to check the activities of the smugglers. The campaign may have to be conducted persistently for several years and the whole-hearted co-operation of the Legislature and the public is required for any perceptible effect to be reflected in the Excise returns.

Provision is also made for the staff necessary for the Customs Houses and Preventive Stations for the Anjengo and Thangacherry Frontiers in consequence of the decision of this Government and the Government of Madras to discontinue from 1st July 1937 the system of leasing to this Government the Abkari and Opium revenues of those places and to take up the work of collection themselves.

16. *Forests.*—Provision has been made for the continuance of the temporary staff dealing with the Kudivila claims on royal trees removed from private lands and for the purchase of a Jolly boat and the construction of a picnic shed of wood at the Game Sanctuary and for the continuance of the Officer on special duty for the preparation and issue of a comprehensive work on the Hill Tribes and primitive communities in Travancore.

17. *Stamps.*—In commemoration of the eventful Temple Entry Proclamation dated 27th Thulam 1112, Temple Entry Anchal Stamps of the denominations of 3 chackrams, 1½ chackrams, 12 cash and 6 cash, of a pictorial design, bearing the effigy of His Highness the Maha Raja and pictures of important temples, were issued during the year. They have been popular and stamps to the value of Rs 20,000 are expected to be sold during the current year.

18. *Interest and Sinking Fund.*—Provision has been made for payment of interest amounting to Rs 1·78 lakhs for a full year on the 3½ per cent Government Loan, 1956, in the budget estimates for 1113.

The question regarding provision to be made for Sinking Fund for the 3½ per cent Loan, 1956, referred to in para 9 of my budget speech for last year, was further examined. The Loan was raised mainly for financing the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme, which is now in progress. Until the scheme develops

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